

Appl. No. 09/765,762  
Amdt. dated April 21, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of February 05, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 7-8 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Gregory (US 3,113,471) for reasons set forth in the Office Action. Allowable subject matter was noted in the remaining claims 8 and 13 (not claims 8 and 12 as stated in the Office Action).


In order to obtain allowance of claims 9 and 13, claim 9 is rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of independent claim 7, and claim 13 is rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of claims 7, 10 and 11. Claim 7 is canceled in view of the inclusion of its subject matter in claims 9 and 13. Claim 8 is made dependent on claim 9, and its subject matter is presented also as new claim 14 dependent from claim 13. Claims 10 and 12 are made dependent from claim 9. Accordingly all of the claims 8-14 are believed to be allowable.

In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

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I hereby certify that the Amendment Upon Final Rejection is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent Office on April 21, 2004.

  
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